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The U.S. has a new kind of President with a new interpretation of the President's job. Below, a report on his working methods: a shunning of operating detail, an unprecedented delegation of authority, and a desk cleared for concentration on the broadest issues of national policy.

## Eisenhower's White House

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is told that shortly after his inauguration enhower took a telephone call from the Chairoint Chiefs of Staff, General Omar Bradley, entagon. As the new occupant of the White on the receiver, he remarked to his secretary derment, "He called me Mr. President, and ad all my life."

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Inc. Truman, a scarching sense of humility—ented on this privately to friends. But the as not overawed him as it did his predecessor. In grave responsibility as the Supreme Compat coalition armies, equipped with cosmopolinia wide variety of state affairs, Eisenhower elf into the presidency with a calm assurance respects is reminiscent of Franklin D. Roose—F.D.R. was always in command," says one of sides. "So is Ike."

tion is not entirely accurate. The habit of ains, but the habitual exercise of its prerogaput aside. The skill with which the President timeself from the superficial implications of his ted by the virtual disappearance of the term from the commentaries of his critics. This studied psychological divertment on Eisen-His staff was instructed, even before the move of Commodore to Pennsylvania Avenue, to itality to the military idiem or military analogonal slip of the tongue will still betray a pre-

of Lincoln), only the tidiness of Eisenhower's office suggests a soldierly past. On the wall opposite the President's desk is a bright painting of an Alpenhütte on a windy ridge, which the President admires for the painter's success in producing the luminous haze of the high mountains—a trick that eluded his amateur's resources when he tried painting mountain scenes last summer in the Colorado Rockies.

But ridding oneself of the working habits of a lifetime is quite another matter. There has unmistakably descended upon the White House a formality, an orderliness, and a quietude reminiscent of SHAEF and SHAPE. Moreover, the President in his approach to the machinery of government employs much the same methods that he perfected as the Supreme Commander of highly variegated forces. To a degree unknown to the presidency since Calvin Coolidge's Administration, Eisenhower practices decentralization and delegation of authority. Between him and the heads of government departments and agencies is a definite understanding established forthrightly in advance: "You have full authority. I expect you to stand on your own feet. Whatever you decide goes. The White House will stay out of your hair."

It was with such an understanding that the President delegated to Herbert Brownell the heroic task of reorganizing the inchoate affairs of the Department of Justice; to George Humphrey an unqualified charter for management of fiscal policy; and to Charles E. Wilson the responsibility for the Pentagon. Eisenhower has accepted their decisions. The President as an impresario, an all-knowing virtuoso, governing by lightning riposte at press conferences or swift

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